REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 20-22 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), on the grounds of obviousness from Barlow (US 3,872,904) in view of Colvin. The Examiner acknowledged that Barlow does not disclose curved recesses. The Examiner referred to "recesses" as being defined in Barlow at a location where the flat surfaces transition to the rounded lobes. Colvin was cited as teaching the equivalence between a transition which is not curved and smooth and a transition which is curved. Claim 20 has been amended to recite "the plurality of rounded lobes receiving a set of alternating ones of said plurality of flat surfaces of the key driver," "the plurality of corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with said plurality of flat surfaces," and "the drive socket surface defining curved recesses smoothly transitioning between the rounded lobes and the flat surfaces, and the plurality of corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with said curved recesses." Claims 20-22 also have been amended to consistently use the term "rounded lobes." It is respectfully submitted that replacing the transitions between the flat surfaces of the key-ways 28, 29 and 30 and the arcuate walls, 31, 32 and 33 of Barlow, which are not curved and do not smoothly transition between the flat surfaces of the key-ways 28, 29 and 30 and the arcuate walls, 31, 32 and 33, with a transition which is curved, as proposed by the Examiner, would not result in rounded lobes of the drive socket receiving a set of alternating flat surfaces of a key driver, the corners of the key

driver remaining out of contact with the flat surfaces of the drive socket, and the corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with the curved recesses of the drive socket, as is claimed, and would not result in the invention as claimed.

It is respectfully submitted that Barlow and Colvin, whether taken individually or in combination, do not teach, disclose or suggest a plurality of rounded lobes of the drive socket receiving a set of alternating flat surfaces of a key driver, a plurality of corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with the plurality of flat surfaces of the drive socket, the drive socket surface defining curved recesses smoothly transitioning between the rounded lobes and the flat surfaces, and the plurality of corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with said curved recesses, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 20-23 are novel and inventive over Barlow and Colvin, whether taken individually or in combination, and that the rejection of Claims 20-23 on the grounds of obviousness from Barlow in view of Colvin should be withdrawn.

Claims 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) on the grounds of obviousness from Allen in view of Anderson et al. and further in view of Colvin. The Examiner acknowledged that Allen does not disclose a recess provided with rounded lobes. Anderson et al. was cited as disclosing inwardly directed rounded lobes 34. The Examiner acknowledged that Allen as modified by Anderson et al. does not disclose curved recesses. Colvin was cited as teaching the equivalence between a transition which is not curved and smooth and a transition which is curved, and the Examiner referred to Figs. 4, 15 and 16 of Colvin. However, referring to Fig. 6 of Anderson et al., Anderson

et al. clearly teaches that the flat surfaces and corners of the key driver contact the flat surfaces and transitions between sides of the drive socket.

Claim 20 has been amended to recite "the plurality of rounded lobes receiving a set of alternating ones of said plurality of flat surfaces of the key driver," "the plurality of corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with said plurality of flat surfaces," and "the drive socket surface defining curved recesses smoothly transitioning between the rounded lobes and the flat surfaces, and the plurality of corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with said curved recesses." It is respectfully submitted that Barlow, Anderson and Colvin, whether taken individually or in combination, do not teach, disclose or suggest a plurality of rounded lobes of the drive socket receiving a set of alternating flat surfaces of a key driver, a plurality of corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with the plurality of flat surfaces of the drive socket, the drive socket surface defining curved recesses smoothly transitioning between the rounded lobes and the flat surfaces, and the plurality of corners of the key driver remaining out of contact with said curved recesses, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 20-23 are novel and inventive over Barlow, Anderson and Colvin, whether taken individually or in combination, and that the rejection of Claims 20-23 on the grounds of obviousness from Allen in view of Anderson and further in view of Colvin should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

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